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FEDERAL LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM (FLTCIP)

On September 19, 2000, the President signed Public Law 106-265, the 'Long-Term Care Security Act.' The purpose of this legislation is to provide for **the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees.**

As a result of this new legislation, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is sponsoring a **high-quality long-term care insurance program for members of the Federal family.** OPM has contracted with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and John Hancock Life Insurance Company, who have come together as LTC Partners to provide this insurance.

The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) is a comprehensive insurance policy that makes payments toward several types of long-term care that people may need because they are unable to care for themselves -- including but not limited to nursing home care, assisted living facility care, formal and informal care in your home, hospice care, and respite care.

There will be an early enrollment opportunity for the Federal Long-term Care Insurance Program held March 25 to May 15, 2002, and an open season held July 1 to December 31, 2002.

Information about the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, including a series of Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on the OPM FLTCIP website at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/index.htm>. To receive free monthly bulletins about the Federal Long-term Care Insurance Program, contact LTC Partners at 1-800-LTCFEDS (582-3337) or on the web at <http://www.ltcfeds.com>.

Every Federal employee is being sent a mailer from the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. We have also placed a link to their site on our benefits page. <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/g-wpm-2/Benefits.htm> The first open season is specifically designed for any employees that have already done all their homework and are ready to commit to the program. There are a number of plans offered by others, so please do your homework before signing up for this plan or any others.

Additional periodic enrollment seasons will be available in the future.

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Regards, FL Ames



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